

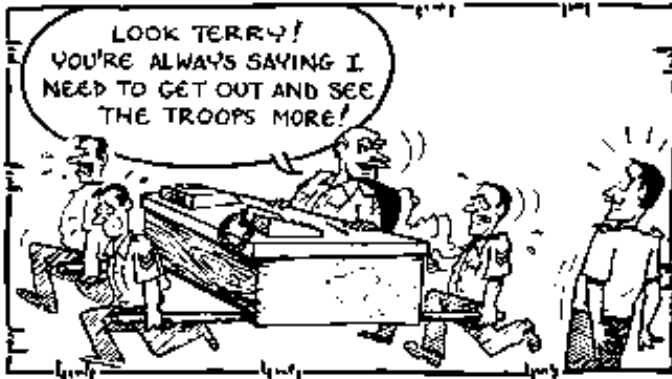
# CALL THE BALL

The Newsletter of the 130th Composite Flight

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## The Commanders Corner:

Col. M odgers and I were talking about the many opportunities available to members of the Civil Air Patrol. I told him I had just finished speaking to C/AMN Ryan Haas who had fired the M 16 Rifle at Basic Encampment and made the statement "It's too bad you get to do all this nifty stuff and then you can't convince your friends at school that it really happened." Why is this? Are the activities at Civil Air Patrol really so way out that they are impossible to believe? Or is it just so hard to get into these activities that makes them so unusual. Years ago when I joined Civil Air Patrol I wondered about the Radiological Monitoring patch being worn by one of the Red Wing members who were jump starting our unit. "Forget it you can't earn this one anymore!" I was told. While this was true for years some young Lt. at the squadron based in Crystal went the next step to determine what was required for training. Somehow he made it happen. So, now I wear the Rad Badge! What did I have to do? Not much. I had to submit my name and show up for training. We got a chance to work with FEMA and learned how to measure radioactivity. We worked shoulder to shoulder with folks from the US Army. Decontaminating cars was to say the least different! I remember the look on Major Owens face when I told him what we were up to. Complete surprise! Frankly the hot radiation suits in the summer I could do without but it sure was one of those "Guess what I did on my summer vacation?" type stories. "Hot Loading" a C130 with stretchers full of you cadets was another one. How well I remember the lady officer in charge of the project asking us "Havent you ever hot loaded a C130 before?" Well of course, no, we had not. We sure learned a few things about doing it the right way. And I have to admit it was a very "nifty" experience even though some of you cadets could lose a few lbs. Anyhow back to the original point. There are a lot of very interesting activities you can do. What do YOU need to do? Submit your name and showing up is a good start. Be active in sniffing out activities that interest you. Email, Rads, CAP news all have opportunities for you. Take advantage of them.

## Hey, Soldier

Officer: "Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?" Soldier: "Sure, buddy!" Officer: "That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again, Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?" Soldier: "No, SIR!"

## First Jump

At the conclusion of his lecture to a group of young recruits, the legendary paratrooper asked for questions. A hand shot up. "What made you decide to make that first jump, sir?" Without hesitating, the paratrooper replied, "An airplane at eighteen thousand feet with three dead engines."

*Only in America do we have a General in charge of the post office and a*

**Welcome new members:** Mike Wiley, Matt Richardson, Thomas Prose, Sara Modders, Donn Johnson and Amber Craswell. Mike is a former Captain in the Air National Guard and is interested in the glider program. He owns a single seat glider that is similar to the CAP two seater. By the way he is a Ham Radio OPW A1GW E. Matt Richardson is a private pilot working on his CFII he is interested in helping some of you cadets learn to fly. Thomas Prose is also a licensed Pilot and the proud father of our Cadet commander. He will bring even more flying talent to the unit. Sara Modders is the wife of Col. Modders and will be helping on various projects as time permits. Donn Johnson is a former member of the US Army and brings many talents to our unit. Amber Craswell (my new daughter) is our newest and I think our youngest member. She is interested in earning her recruiter ribbon (Cadets need to bring in 3 new members, seniors 7). This month we bid a very fond farewell to our former commander Lt. Mary Long who is going back to active duty with the Air Force. Also our medical officer Lt. Mark Wood who returns to the East coast with a new job and of course Cadet Tim Spielman who is moving with his family to Florida.

## GO GO GO! One Three Oh.

Our current member count is 22 and growing fast. Lets get those good recruits into the fastest growing unit in Minnesota! Swamisez - "By the next issue of Call The Ball you will no longer be a flight!"



**Congratulations** to Ryan Haas for his successful graduation at Basic Encampment. When you see him next he should be wearing the encampment ribbon. Ask him about the obstacle course, 0 flights and shooting the M 16 Rifle. Find out about the many interesting things he did. There is only ONE way to earn the encampment ribbon. Are you up for it? Congrats also go to former DCO C Travis Howard who has been

promoted to Petty Officer. Travis has emailed me that he will visit the 130th in September when he is on leave.

## The Supply Office is open!

Senior member Jazwinski has accepted the position of supply and logistics officer for our unit. His job will be to see that our members have the needed uniforms and accutruments. \*Note the unit policy of free ribbons / awards will continue however other purchased bookstore items such as CAP tapes etc will need to be reimbursed. It is very important that you know it is the responsibility of the individual member to be in a complete and proper uniform. You need to be proactive about getting the required uniform items. Remember, SM Jazwinski will not automatically obtain items for you.

### Only Once

Somewhere in Aikin MN, two footsore ground team members enjoying a much-needed break were discussing differences between Civil Air Patrol life and the civilian variety. "Joe, you sure have it right about the food being better at home," said one, "but I can tell you an even more fundamental difference." "What's that, Mike?" asked Joe. "When you quit CAP," Mike said, "unless you want it otherwise, 5:30 comes around no more than once a day."

### Change of Underwear

During an extended Land Search Rescue training the Sarge announces, "I've got good news and bad news. First the good news. Today we're going to change our underwear." The cadets start cheering wildly. "Now the bad news," continues the Sarge. "Smith, you change with Jones. Andrews, you change with Murphy..."



The Wings newest Glider Pilot and friends!

### God Bless the Irish

Saddam Hussein was sitting in his office wondering who to invade next when his telephone rang. "Hullo! Mr. Hussein," a heavily accented voice said. "This is Paddy down in County Cavan, Ireland. I'd be ringing to inform you that we are officially declaring a war on ya!" "Well, Paddy," Saddam replied, "This is indeed important news! Tell me, how big is your army?" "At this moment in time," said Paddy after a moment's calculation, "theres meself, my cousin Sean, my next door neighbor Gerry, and the entire dominoes team from the pub -- that makes 8!" Saddam sighed. "I must tell you Paddy that I have 1 million men in my army waiting to move on my command." "Begorra!", said Paddy, "I'll have to ring you back! Sure enough, the next day Paddy rang back. "Right Mr. Hussein, the war is still on! We've managed to acquire some equipment!" "And what equipment would that be, Paddy?" Saddam asked. "Well, we have 2 combine harvesters, a bulldozer and Murphy's tractor from the farm." Once more Saddam sighed. "I must tell you, Paddy, that I have 16 thousand tanks, 14 thousand armored personnel carriers, and my army has increased to 1 and a half million since we last spoke." "Really?!" said Paddy "I'll have to ring you back!" Sure enough, Paddy rang again the next day. "Right Mr. Hussein, the war is still on! We have managed to get ourselves airborne! We've modified Ted's ultra-light with a couple of rifles in the cockpit and the bridge team will be joining us as well!" Saddam was silent for a minute, then sighed. "I must tell you Paddy that I have 10 thousand bombers, 20 thousand MiG 19 attack planes, my military complex is surrounded by laser-guided surface-to-air missile sites, and since we last spoke, my army has increased to 2 million." "Faith and begorra!", said Paddy, "I'll have to ring you back. "Sure enough, Paddy called again the next day. "Right Mr. Hussein, I am sorry to tell you that we have had to call off the war." "I'm sorry to hear that" said Saddam. "Why the sudden change of heart?" "Well," said Paddy "We've all had a chat, and there's no way we can feed 2 million prisoners."

"I'm desperately trying to figure out why kamikaze pilots wore helmets."

As a group of soldiers stood in formation at an Army Base, the Drill

Sergeant said, "All right! All you idiots fall out." As the rest of the squad wandered away, one soldier remained at attention. The Drill Instructor walked over until he was eye-to-eye with him, and then raised a single eyebrow. The soldier smiled and said, "Sure was a lot of 'em, huh, sir?"

### COMMUNITY SERVICE RIBBON :

A cadet can now earn the Community Service Ribbon by completing 60 hours of community service. The outside organization's volunteer coordinator must sign a letter/form validating the hours of service the cadet has rendered. The ribbon is now available from the CAP Bookstore and is worn after the Disaster Relief Ribbon.

At the conclusion of bitter fighting on a Pacific Atoll in WWII only one Japanese soldier raised his hands to surrender. During interrogation the soldier admitted that the final orders from his General were to fight to the last man. The interrogator eyed the prisoner "Then why did YOU surrender?" The Japanese soldier returned his stare with a defiant glare "I", he said, "Am the last man."

### QUIZ

Under what department of the Army did the first aviators serve?

- A : Air Corp
- B : Army Air Forces
- C : Signal Corp
- D : Balloon Observer Corp

Growing from its World War II experience, the Civil Air Patrol has continued to strive to save lives and alleviate human suffering through a myriad of emergency service and operational missions.

### Search and Rescue (SAR):

Perhaps best known for its search and rescue efforts, CAP now flies more than 85 percent of all federal inland SAR missions directed by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley AFB, Virginia. Outside of the continental United States, CAP supports the Joint Rescue Coordination Centers in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Just how effective are the CAP missions? More than 100 people are saved every year by CAP members. "Civil Air Patrol is always the first unit in and usually the last unit out when a real disaster occurs. They are very well trained and always respond quickly." Disaster Relief: Often overlooked but vitally important is the role CAP plays in disaster relief operations. CAP provides air and ground transportation, and an extensive communications network. They fly disaster relief officials to remote locations, and support local, state and national disaster relief organizations with manpower and leadership.

In fact, CAP has formal agreements with many government and humanitarian relief agencies such as the American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Aviation Administration, National Transportation Safety Board and the United States Coast Guard.

**Air Force Support:** It's hardly surprising that CAP performs several missions in direct support of the U.S. Air Force. Specifically, CAP conducts damage assessment, radiological monitoring, light transport, communications support, and low-altitude route surveys.

Joint U.S. Air Force and CAP SAR exercises sharpen the skills of all participants and offer realistic training for a deadly serious mission.

### The Ground Team Badge.

Ground Team members choose to join this team-oriented task-driven culture. We take personal risks, and make tough decisions, striving to do the right thing even when no one is watching. We work with, follow, and lead some of the finest people around. We do our best to live up to our service's "core values" of **Integrity**, **Volunteer Service**, **Excellence**, and **Respect** and to live up to the public trust of duty, honor and country. We do this to save protect property and save lives.